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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
PCT/EP00/01476INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  
FEBRUARY 23, 2000PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
FEBRUARY 24, 1999TITLE OF INVENTION SOD COMPRISING AGRICULTURAL COMPONENTS PARTICULARLY FOR FORMING  
LAWNS, AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING ITAPPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US  
Maximiliano ZENTI

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

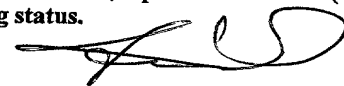
1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information: redrafted claims 22 to 42 for entering the preliminary amendment

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<p>21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:</p> <p><b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5)):</b></p> <p>Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO. .... <b>\$1000.00</b></p> <p>International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... <b>\$860.00</b></p> <p>International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... <b>\$710.00</b></p> <p>International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... <b>\$690.00</b></p> <p>International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... <b>\$100.00</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b></p> <p>Surcharge of <b>\$130.00</b> for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width:15%;">CLAIMS</th> <th style="width:15%;">NUMBER FILED</th> <th style="width:15%;">NUMBER EXTRA</th> <th style="width:15%;">RATE</th> <th style="width:10%;">\$</th> <th style="width:30%;"></th> </tr> <tr> <td>Total claims</td> <td><b>21</b> - 20 =</td> <td><b>1</b></td> <td><b>x \$18.00</b></td> <td><b>\$</b></td> <td><b>18.=</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent claims</td> <td><b>2</b> - 3 =</td> <td></td> <td><b>x \$80.00</b></td> <td><b>\$</b></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)</td> <td><b>+ \$270.00</b></td> <td><b>\$</b></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4" style="text-align: right;"><b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b></td> <td><b>\$</b></td> <td><b>878.=</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. 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A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>13-3860</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. <b>Credit card</b> information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p> <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:  <b>MODIANO &amp; ASSOCIATI</b>  Via Meravigli, 16  20123 MILANO - ITALY  EUROPE  Tel. (003902) 85.90.7777  Milano, Italy - August 7, 2001</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">   _____  SIGNATURE  <b>Guido MODIANO</b>  _____  NAME  <b>19,928</b>  _____  REGISTRATION NUMBER </div>				CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	\$		Total claims	<b>21</b> - 20 =	<b>1</b>	<b>x \$18.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>18.=</b>	Independent claims	<b>2</b> - 3 =		<b>x \$80.00</b>	<b>\$</b>		MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			<b>+ \$270.00</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				<b>\$</b>	<b>878.=</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. 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Hon.  
The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
**BOX P.C.T.**  
Washington D.C. 20231 - U.S.A.

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir,

please enter the following preliminary amendment in the above-identified Application:

substitute the original claims 1 to 21 with the enclosed redrafted claims 22 to 42.

It is to be noted that the newly submitted claims 22 to 42 do not comprise any new matter but merely more clearly define Applicant's originally